Disparity in per capita expenditure in rural and urban areas

866. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any disparity in the per capita expenditure incurred in rural and urban areas;

(b) if so, the proportion thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to set up any commission to conduct a survey to remove this disparity; and

(d) if so, by when the Commission is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER of STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Per capita household consumption expenditure in 1990-91 according to the 46th round of National Sample Survey was Rs. 202.12 in rural areas and Rs. 326.75 in urban areas. Rural to urban population in this respect was 1:1.62.

(c) and (d) The Eighth Five Year Plan (1992—97) document prepared by the Planning Commission sets out the strategy and programmes for agricultural and rural development, which will contribute to increase in investment and income in the rural areas.

Involvement of local bodies in formulation of plan

867. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to involve elected local bodies in a bigger way in the formulation of the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the details of proposals to utilise the experience of local bodies like Zila Parishads in Ninth Five Year Plan formulation?

THE MINISTER of STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The work regarding the formulation of the Ninth Five Year Plan has not commenced yet. Hence the question does not arise.

Resource mobilisation by States

868. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Governments are lagging behind in resource mobilisation for Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to mobilise resources with details thereof?

THE MINISTER of STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Some shortfall in resources has been reported by some States in 1992-94 as against the approved plan financing.

(b) The Planning Commission is in continuous dialogue with the States to find out ways and means to raise resources to meet plan targets.

Technical Committee for implementation of DPAP and DDP

869. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the composition and the terms of reference of the Technical Committee for implementation of the schemes under the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and De-